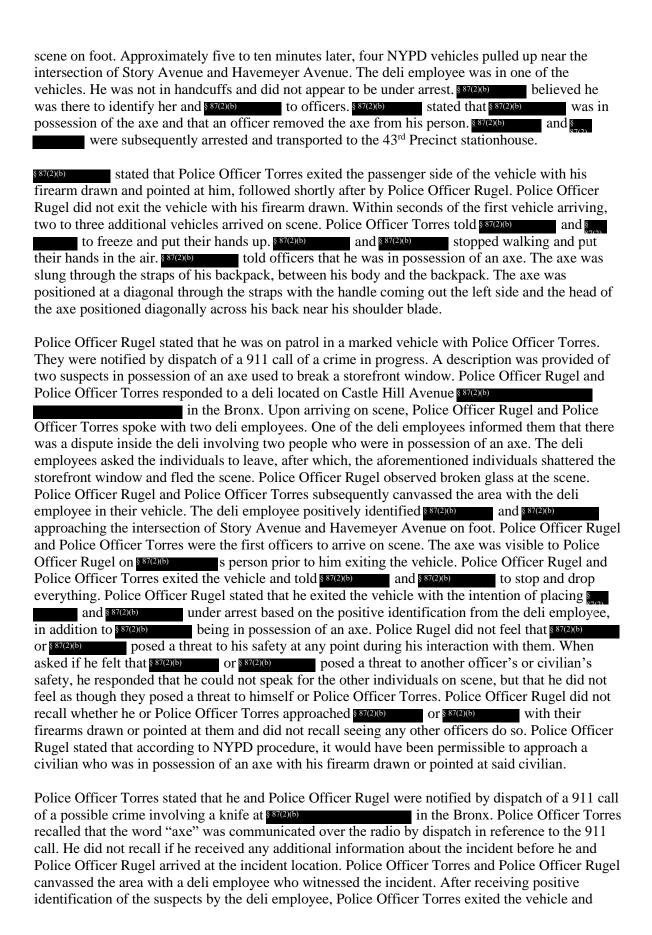
CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	$\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$	Force		Discourt.	U.S.
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Friday, 12/17/2021 10:30 PM		Northeast corner Story Havemeyer Avenue	Avenue and		43	6/	/17/2023	6/17/2023
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Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addre	ess					
Witness(es)		Home Addre	ess					_
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command					
1. PO Handriel Torres	19931	959308	043 PCT					
2. PO Amanda Canales	14634	965964	043 PCT					
3. PO Edwin Olivo	08150	970749	043 PCT					
Witness Officer(s)	Shield No	o Tax No	Cmd Name					
1. PO Alfred Rugel	27698	965485	043 PCT					
2. SGT Ray Soriano	00701	956275	043 PCT					
3. PO Timothy Bourke	21404	969537	043 PCT					
4. PO Aaron Solomon	20668	963285	043 PCT					
5. PO Jaleel Gatling	03403	964526	043 PCT					
Officer(s)	Allegatio	n			Inve	stiga	ator Recor	nmendation
A.PO Handriel Torres	Abuse: Po	olice Officer Handriel T	Corres drew his gun.					
B.PO Handriel Torres	Force: Po § 87(2)(b)	lice Officer Handriel To	orres pointed his gur	n at				
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F.PO Edwin Olivo	Abuse: Po	olice Officer Edwin Oli for § 87(2)(b)	vo did not obtain me	edic	al			

Case Summary

On February 4, 2022, \$87(2)(b) I filed this complaint with the CCRB via telephone. On December 17, 2021, at approximately 10:30 p.m. at the northeast corner of Store Avenue and Havemeyer Avenue in the Bronx, \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) were stopped by Police Officer Alfred Rugel and Police Officer Handriel Torres after receiving positive identification from a witness who alleged that \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) had broken a store window with an axe. and § 87(2)(b) Police Officer Torres approached § 87(2)(b) with his firearm drawn (Allegations A: Abuse of Authority, \$87(2)(g) and allegedly pointed his firearm at § 87(2)(b) (Allegations B and C: Abuse of Authority, §87(2)(g) were subsequently placed under arrest. \$37(2)(b) allegedly made requests for medical treatment at the 43rd Precinct stationhouse to Police Officer Canales (Allegation D: Abuse of Authority, § 87(2)(g) , Police Officer Torres (Allegation E: Abuse of Authority, § 87(2)(g) and Police Officer Edwin Olivo (Allegation F: Abuse of Authority, § 87(2)(9)), which was ultimately not obtained. The investigation obtained body worn camera video of the incident captured by Police Officer Torres (Board Review 01 and 02), Police Officer Bourke (Board Review 03 and 04), Police Officer Solomon (Board Review 05 and 06), Police Officer Canales (Board Review 07 and 08), and Police Officer Olivo (Board Review 09 and 10). **Findings and Recommendations** Allegation (A) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Handriel Torres drew his gun; Allegation (B) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Handriel Torres pointed his gun at Allegation (C) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Handriel Torres pointed his gun at [887(2)(b)] On February 23, 2022, \$87(2)(b) (Board Review 11 and 12) and \$87(2)(b) (Board Review 13 and 14) were interviewed by the CCRB. On May 17, 2022, Police Officer Rugel (Board Review 15 and 16) and Police Officer Torres (Board Review 17 and 18) were interviewed by the CCRB. On May 31, 2022, Police Officer Canales (Board Review 19 and 20) and Police Officer Timothy Bourke (Board Review 21 and 22) were interviewed by the CCRB. On August 22, 2022, Police Officer Solomon (Board Review 23 and 24) and Police Officer Jaleel Gatling (Board Review 25 and 26) were interviewed by the CCRB. On August 30, 2022, Sergeant Ray Soriano (Board Review 27 and 28) was interviewed by the CCRB. On November 28, 2022, Police Officer Olivo (Board Review 29 and 30) was interviewed by the CCRB. It is undisputed that § 87(2)(b) was in possession of an axe when he and § 87(2)(6) stopped by officers. Police Officer Rugel, Police Officer Canales, Police Officer Solomon, Police Officer Bourke and Police Officer Gatling consistently reported that they did not recall seeing any officer on scene pointing their firearm at § 87(2)(6) Of § 87(2)(b) stated that she and § 87(2)(b) were involved in a dispute with a male employee of a deli located on Castle Hill Avenue \$87(2)(b) Bronx. The deli employee attacked § 87(2)(b) with an axe and § 87(2)(b) ■ took the axe from the deli and § 87(2)(b) employee after he swung it at \$87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b) subsequently left the

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unitiated a stop of \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) Upon exiting the vehicle, Police Officer Torres noticed that \$87(2)(b) was in possession of a four-foot-long axe. The axe was slung through the straps of \$87(2)(b) s backpack. Police Officer Torres did not recall if he drew or pointed his firearm at \$87(2)(b) or \$87(2)(b) at any point during the incident and did not recall seeing any other officer do so. Police Officer Torres stated that if another officer had drawn or pointed their firearm, he would not blame them for doing so because \$87(2)(b) was in possession of an axe and responding officers were informed that he had just previously used it to commit a crime.

Police Officer Canales stated that she and Police Officer Solomon were on patrol together when they received a report over the radio of a 911 call of a possible crime involving a knife on Castle Hill Avenue. Dispatch provided descriptions of a Black male and Black female heading southbound on Castle Hill Avenue. Police Officer Canales and Police Officer Solomon responded to the incident location. The defendants were not at the location when they arrived. Police Officer Canales did not recall if she or Police Officer Solomon spoke with civilians or officers at the incident location. Police Officer Canales and Police Officer Solomon left the deli and canvassed the area. As they were canvassing, Police Officer Rugel and Police Officer Torres, located two civilians at the intersection of Story Avenue and Havemeyer Avenue. Police Officer Canales and Police Solomon responded to the intersection where \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) had already been stopped by Police Officer Rugel and Police Officer Torres. Police Officer Canales observed an axe hanging from the strap of either § 87(2)(b) or \$87(2)(6) s backpack. She did not recall which individual had it on their person. Police Officer Solomon stated that when he arrived on scene and approached he noticed a long handle (approximately 2.5 feet) sticking out from inside his backpack. He did not know what material the handle was made of, but he could tell that it was made of some type of hard material that could potentially be used as a weapon. He did not recall the color of the handle. He could not tell that it was an axe from viewing only the handle. He did not recall seeing any protruding shapes or bulges from inside the backpack. He removed the axe from the backpack and handed it to another officer. He did not recall to whom he handed the axe. Neither Police Officer Canales, nor Police Officer Solomon, observed any officers on scene draw or point their firearm at \$ 87(2)(b) or \$ 87(2)(b)

Police Officer Bourke stated that an officer handed him an axe when he arrived on scene. He was unable to recall which officer handed him the axe, or which civilian was previously in the possession of the axe. Police Officer Bourke did not recall seeing any officers on scene draw or point their firearm at either \$87(2)(b) at any point during the incident.

Police Officer Gatling did not observe whether \$87(2)(b) or \$87(2)(b) were in possession of an axe and did not see an axe at all while on scene. Police Officer Gatling did not observe any officers draw their firearm or point it at \$87(2)(b) or \$87(2)(b)

Police Officer Torres' memo book (Board Review 31), states that he and Police Officer Rugel responded to 911 call regarding a possible crime involving possession of a knife at ST(2)(b) Avenue. The comments state that they canvassed the area with the male complainant in vehicle and the complainant positively identified two individuals at the intersection of Havemeyer Avenue and Story Avenue.

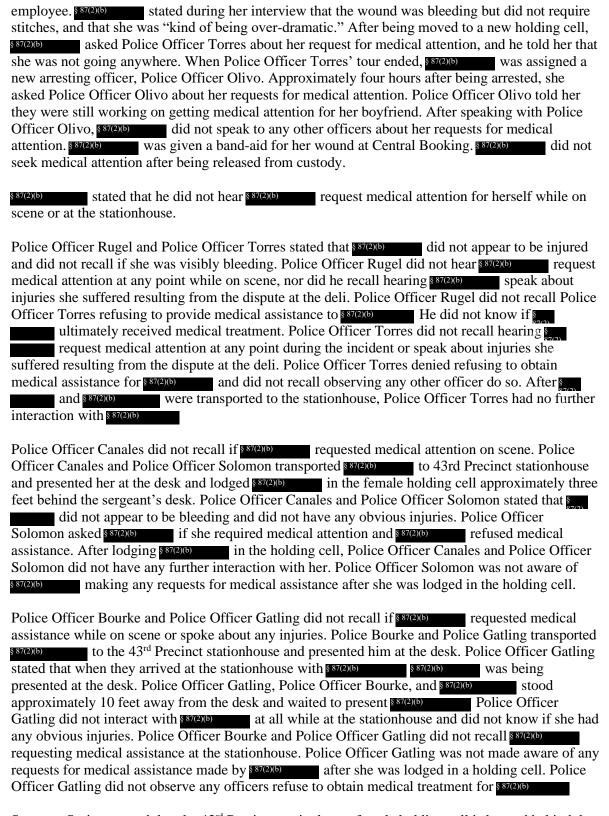
Body worn camera video captured by Police Officer Torres (Board Review 01 and 02) shows Police Officer Torres exiting the vehicle from the front passenger's seat at timestamp 05:34. Police Officer Torres and Police Officer Rugel subsequently stop \$87(2)(6) and \$87(2)(6) At timestamp 05:47, an axe with a yellow handle can be seen slung through the straps of \$100 and \$100 are shown as backpack. Body worn camera video captured by Police Officer Bourke (Board Review

of and 04) shows Police Officer Solomon handing Police Officer Bourke an axe with a yellow handle at timestamp 06:10. Body worn camera video captured by Police Officer Solomon (Board Review 05 and 06) indicates that Police Officer Rugel and Police Officer Torres were on scene prior to the arrival of Police Officer Solomon and Police Officer Canales. At timestamp 05:55, Police Officer Torres approaches and and from the passenger's side of his RMP with his gun drawn and held at his side. As Police Officer Torres approaches the civilians, he raises the gun toward his belt and appears to holster his firearm; however, whether the gun enters the holster is not visible. The last time Police Officer Torres' arm holding the firearm is visible on Police Officer Solomon's body worn camera video is at internal timestamp 22:32:49. At internal timestamp 22:32:51 on Police Officer Torres' body worn camera video (Board Review 01 and 02), both of Police Officer Torres' hands are visible on solve the solution of the police of

According to <u>Patrol Guide Procedure 221-01</u> (Board Review 32), the decision to display or draw a firearm should be based on an articulable belief that the potential for serious physical injury is present. When a uniformed member of the service determines that the potential for serious physical injury is no longer present, the uniformed member of the service will holster the firearm as soon as practicable.

Both civilians and officers interviewed consistently stated that \$87(2)(b) was in possession of the axe prior to being stopped by officers. Additionally, video evidence obtained shows the axe on \$87(2)(b) are stopped by Police Officer Rugel and Police Officer Torres. According to Patrol Guide Procedure 221-01, Police Officer Torres' \$87(2)(b) believed \$87(2)(b) to be in possession of an axe that he recently used to commit a crime, in addition to that fact that Police Officer Torres observed the axe on his person upon arriving on scene and exiting his vehicle.
§ 87(2)(g)
the other officers on scene
consistently stated that they did not recall any officer on scene point their firearm at a civilian.
Allegation (D) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Amanda Canales did not obtain medical
treatment for \$87(2)(b)
Allegation (E) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Handriel Torres did not obtain medical
treatment for \$87(2)(b)
Allegation (F) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Edwin Olivo did not obtain medical
treatment for \$87(2)(b)
stated that she was lodged in a holding cell in the front of the 43 rd Precinct
stationhouse. §87(2)(b) spoke to Police Officer Canales and requested medical attention for

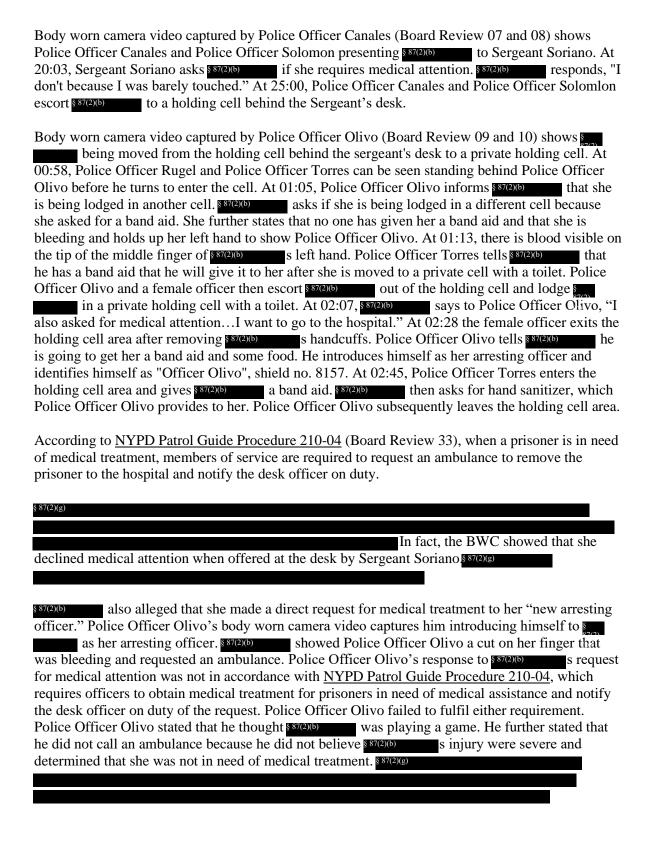
herself at this time. Police Officer Canales told her that they were working on it. sustained a wound on her finger near her fingernail when she grabbed the axe from the deli



Sergeant Soriano stated that the 43rd Precinct stationhouse female holding cell is located behind the desk approximately 10 to 15 feet to the right of where the desk officer would stand. It is separated from the main vestibule area by a Plexiglass door. There is a CCTV feed at the desk showing the

inside of the cell. The desk officer would not be able to hear conversation in the female holding cell, but if the detainees shout or knock on the door, the desk officer would typically be able to hear them. Sergeant Soriano was assigned as the 43rd Precinct stationhouse desk officer on the date of the incident. He did not have an independent recollection of events involving § 87(2)(b) Sergeant Soriano did not recall whether \$87(2)(6) appeared visibly injured or bleeding, or if she complained of having sustained any injuries prior to being arrested. He did not recall whether Police Officer Solomon or Police Officer Canales informed him that \$87(2)(b) injured or that she was in need of medical assistance, nor did he recall any other officers doing so. Sergeant Soriano did not recall interacting with \$87(2)(b) while she was detained in the holding cell and did not recall any other officer doing so. He did not recall whether \$87(2)(b) medical assistance after being lodged in the holding cell. Sergeant Soriano did not recall yelling for hours requesting medical assistance for herself while detained in the holding cell. He explained that the other female holding cells that \$87(2)(6) could have been moved to are located approximately 20-25 feet to the left of the desk. The inside of this holding cell area can be seen at the desk via CCTV feed. The feed does not have audio. If prisoners were to yell from inside the holding cells, the desk officer on duty would not be able to hear them. He did not recall yelling to request medical assistance while in the holding cell.

Police Officer Olivo stated that he was assigned as \$87(2)(b) stated as arresting officer by Police Officer Torres and Police Officer Rugel. He was not present when she was being presented at the desk. Neither Police Officer Rugel nor Police Officer Torres mentioned 857(2)(b) requesting medical assistance for herself on scene. Police Officer Olivo encountered \$87(2)(6) for the first time at the stationhouse after she had already been lodged in a holding cell. Police Officer Olivo introduced as her arresting officer and identified himself as Officer Olivo. Police Officer Olivo and Police Officer Torres moved \$87(2)(5) from the holding cell directly next to the sergeant's desk to a single cell that had a restroom. § 87(2)(6) told Police Officer Olivo and Police Officer Torres that she had a cut on her finger and requested an ambulance. not seem to be in any kind of physical distress. \$87(2)(6) did not show Police Officer Olivo or Police Officer Torres the cut. Police Officer Olivo did not examine the cut on §87(2)(6) and was not able to provide a description of it. He did not observe any blood on her body and stated that she was not "bleeding out." Police Officer Torres offered to give \$87(2)(6) a band aid for the with a band aid cut. Police Officer Olivo believed that Police Officer Torres provided \$87(2)(6) and hand sanitizer, but he did not witness him do so. After \$87(2)(6) was given a band aid, she seemed "alright" and did not mention wanting an ambulance to be called. \$87(2)(b) did not make any additional statements in regard to having a more severe medical emergency or make any additional requests for medical treatment after that point. \$87(2)(6) told Police Officer Olivo she was hungry. Police Officer Olivo brought \$87(2)(b) chips and fingerprinted her. Police Officer Olivo did not offer to call an ambulance after giving \$87(2)(6) food and was not aware of any other officer doing so. The desk officer was not notified that \$87(2)(6) requested an ambulance. Police Officer Olivo did not hear \$87(2)(b) make a request for medical assistance to any other officer at the stationhouse. Police Officer Olivo did not speak to \$87(2)(b) again after he gave her food. Police Officer Olivo stated that standard procedure for how officers are required to respond to prisoner requests for medical treatment depends on the circumstances and how the officers to whom the request was made perceive the severity of the prisoner's physical distress. Police Officer Olivo stated that prisoners have a tendency to "play the game" because they know that if they go to the hospital, their arrest will be processed more quickly. He then accused \$87(2)(6) game and further stated that he did make any observations that would indicate that \$87(2)(6) needed to go to the hospital. He described her mental state as "apparent normal." He further stated that an ambulance was not called because \$87(2)(b) did not provide a legitimate reason for needing an ambulance for a physical injury that officers could not assist her with, and she was not considered to be in severe physical distress necessitating treatment by EMS.



Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

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Police Officer Canales has been a member of service for four years and has been a subject in two CCRB complaints and two allegations, none of which were substantiated. [87(2)(g)									
	cer Olivo has been a membe o which he has been a subje	er of service for one year and this i	s the first CCRB						
	Mediation, Ci	vil, and Criminal Histories							
• This complaint was not suitable for mediation.									
		ork City Comptroller's Office had a incident (Board Review 35).	no record of any						
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Squad Leader:	Signature Signature	IM Simon Wang Print Title & Name	01/18/23 Date						
Reviewer:	Signature	Print Title & Name	Date						